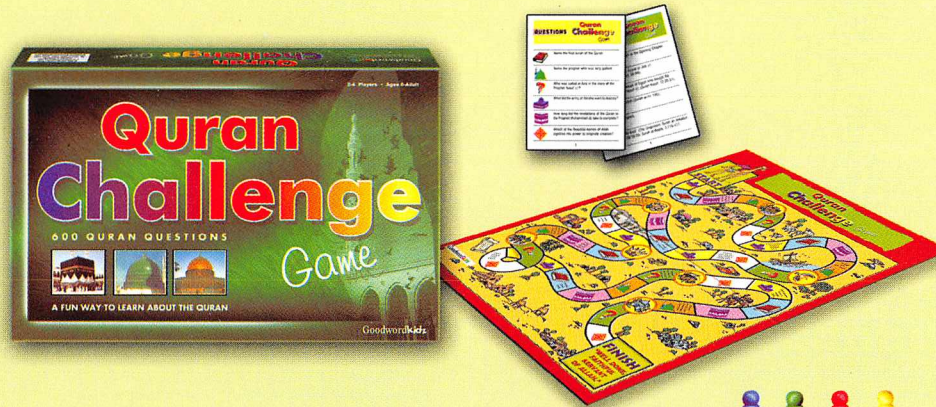


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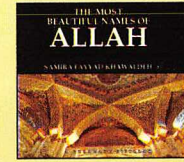
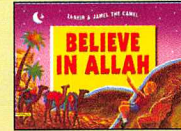
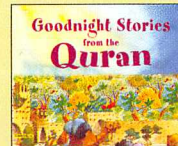
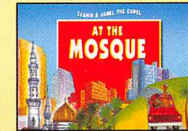
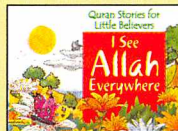
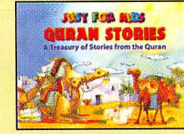
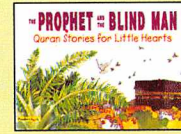
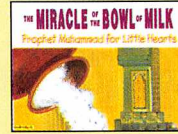
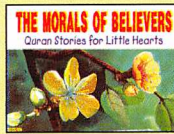
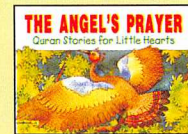
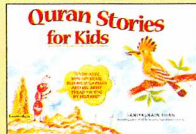
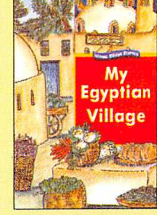
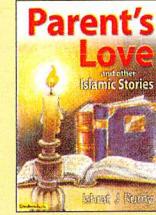
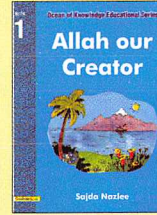
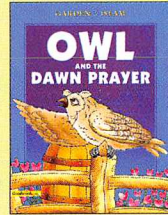
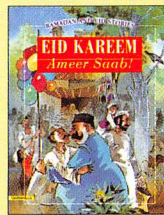
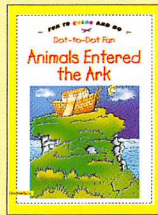
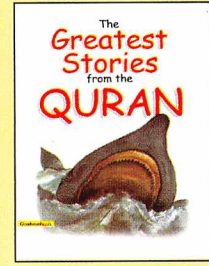
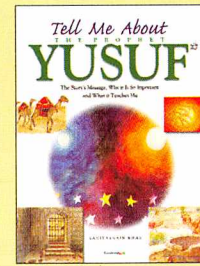
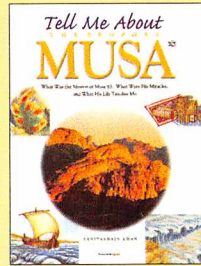
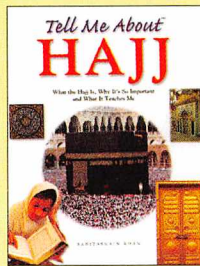
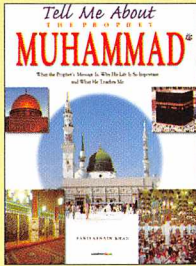


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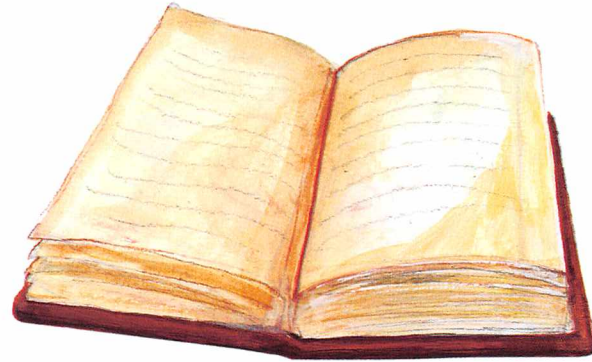
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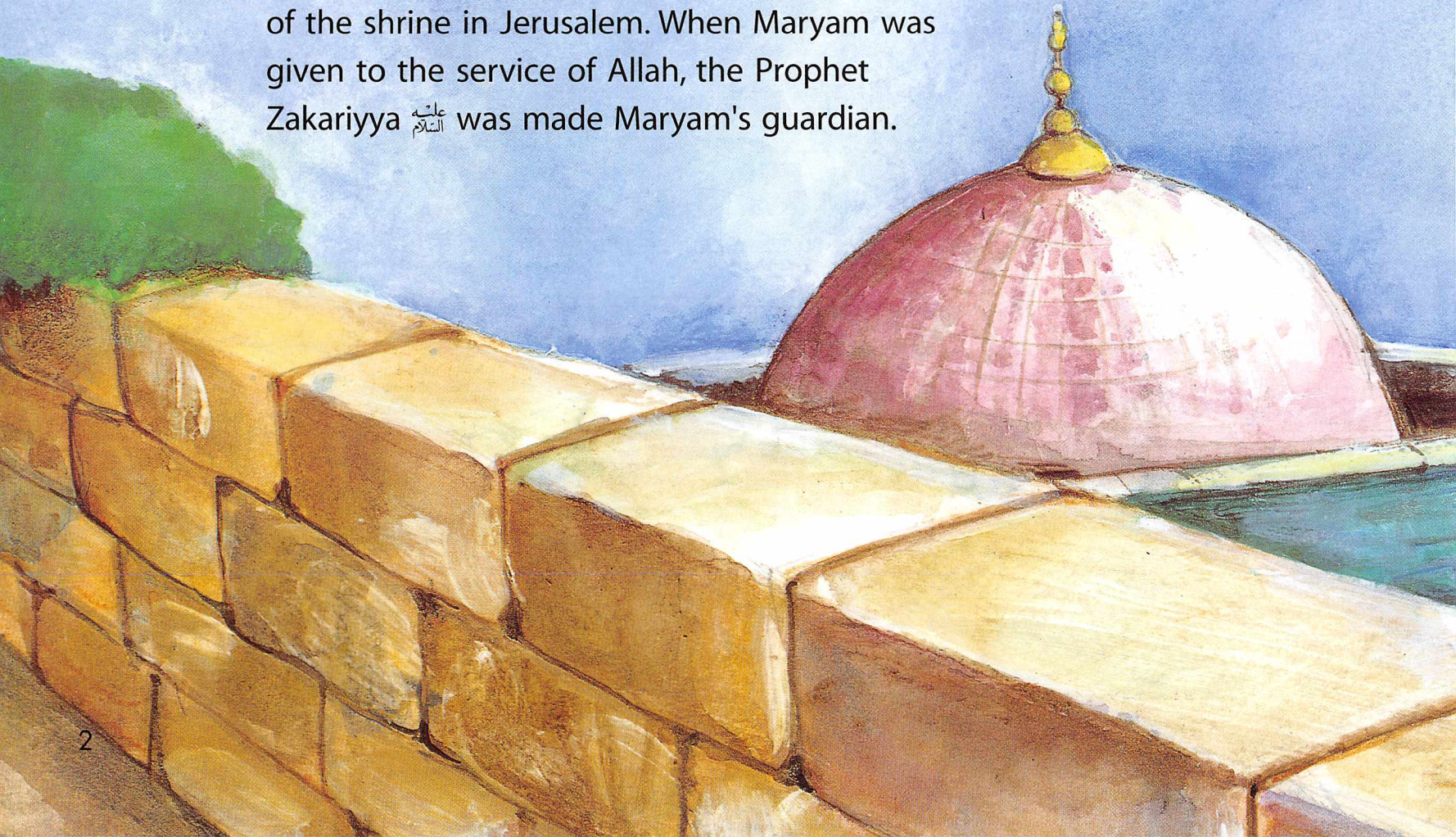
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The Prophet Zakariyya عليه السلام was a noble man. He was an uncle of Maryam (Mary), and the priest of the shrine in Jerusalem. When Maryam was given to the service of Allah, the Prophet Zakariyya عليه السلام was made Maryam's guardian.

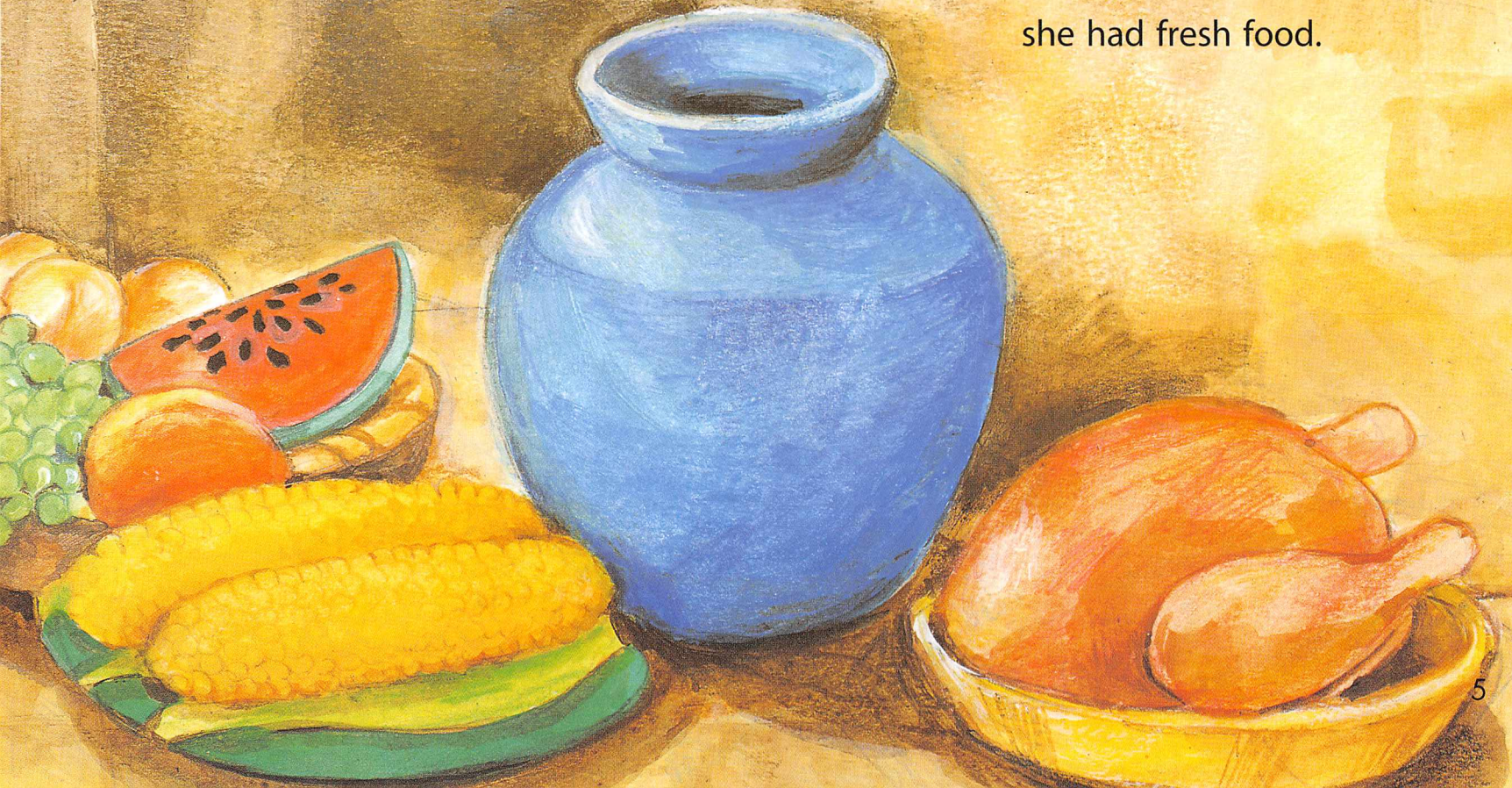




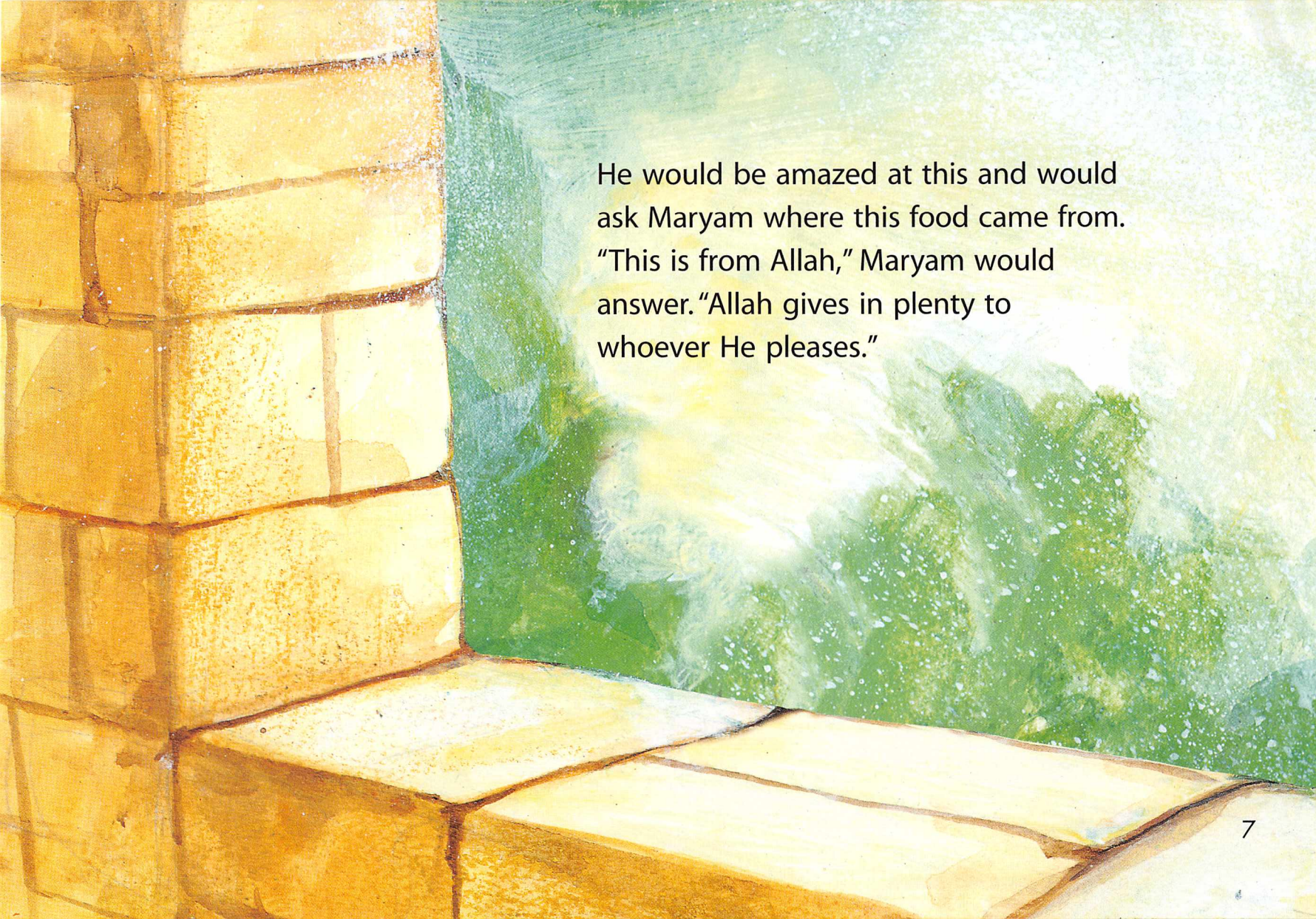




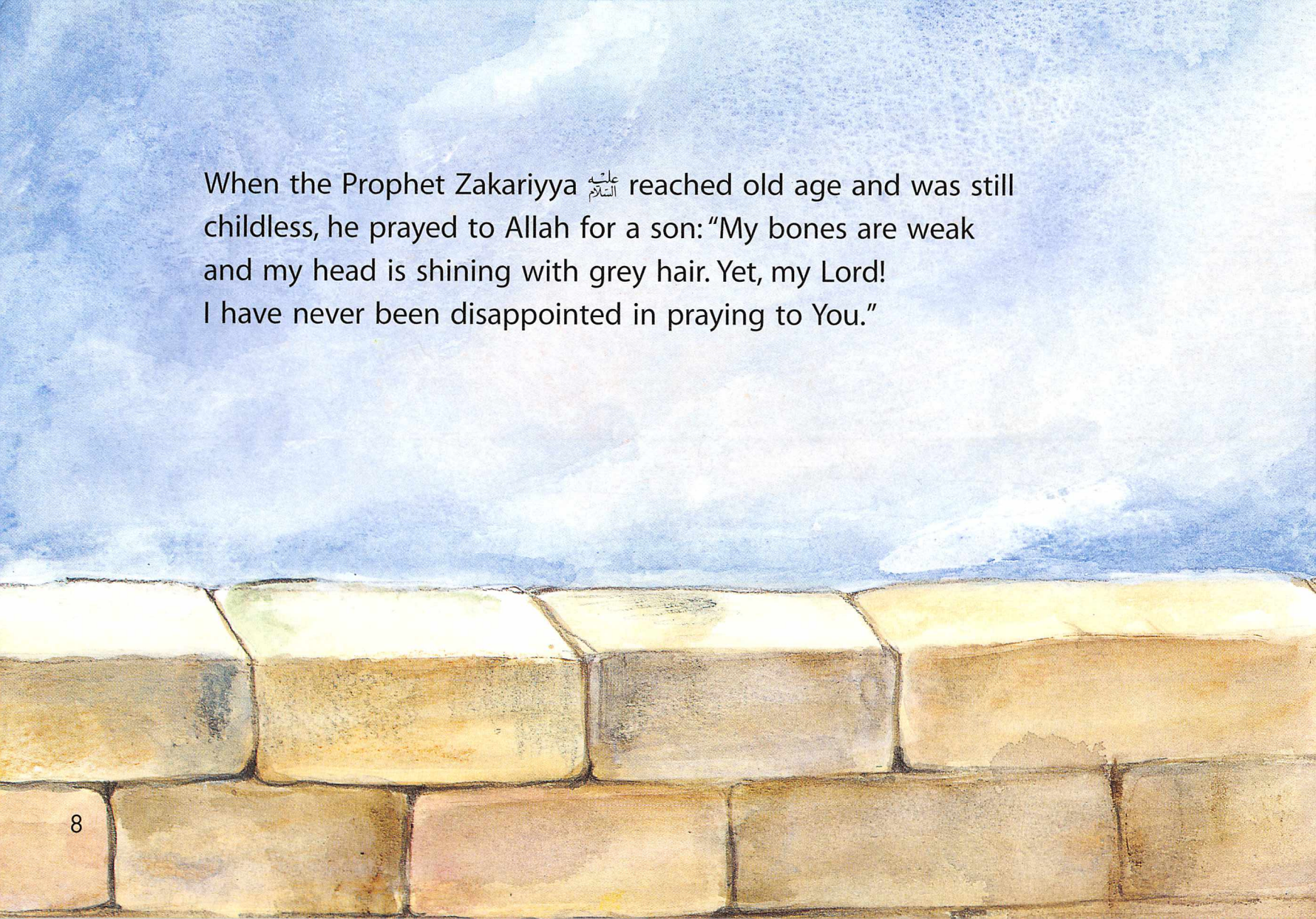
Whenever the Prophet Zakariyya عليه السلام visited Maryam in her niche (*mihrab*) in the shrine, he would find that she had fresh food.





The background of the page is a painting. On the left side, there is a vertical wall made of yellowish-brown stone blocks with dark brown mortar lines. To the right of the wall, the background is a soft, painterly landscape of green hills and trees under a pale, hazy sky. The overall style is soft and textured, typical of a children's book illustration.

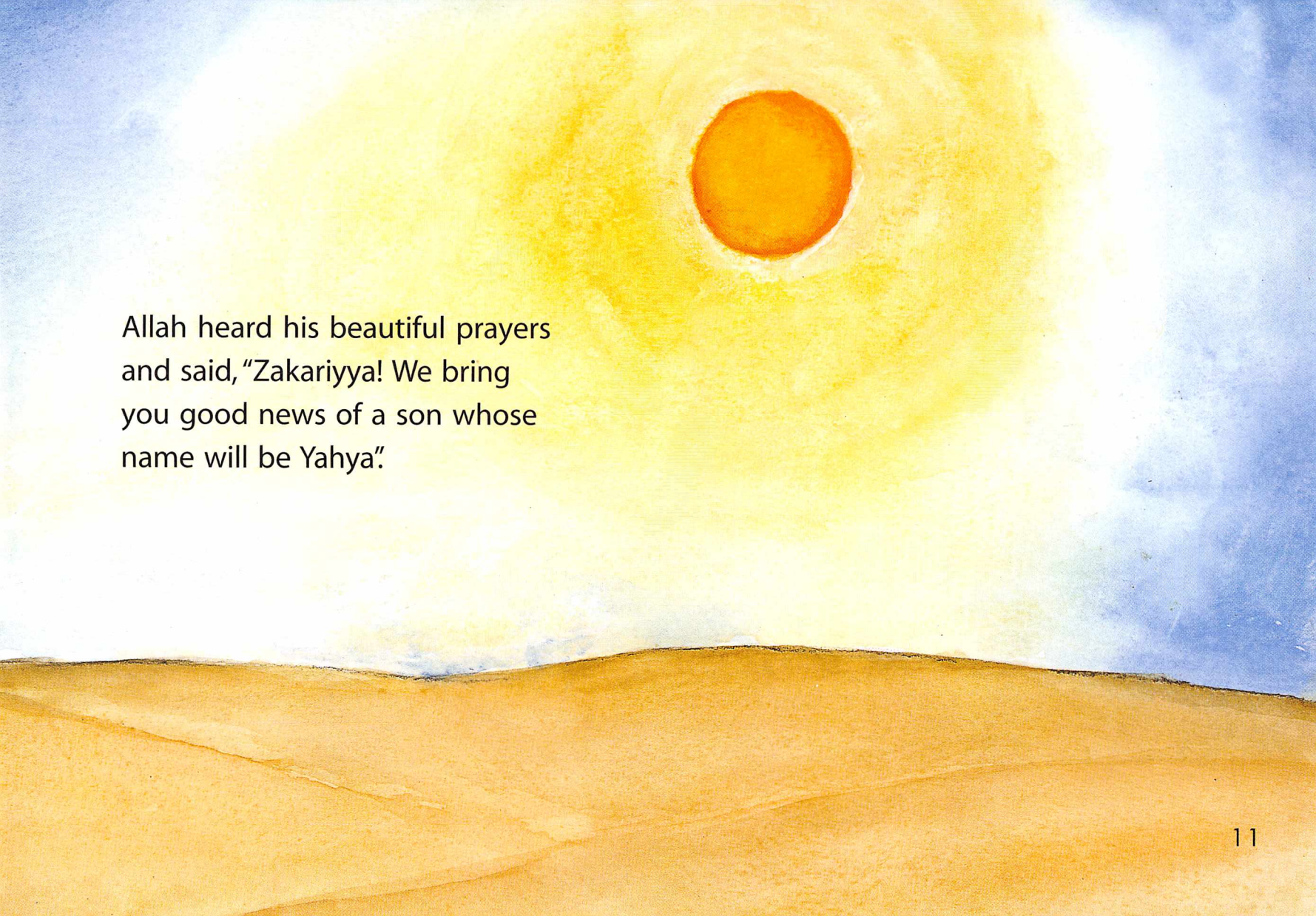
He would be amazed at this and would ask Maryam where this food came from. "This is from Allah," Maryam would answer. "Allah gives in plenty to whoever He pleases."

The background of the page is a watercolor illustration. The top half shows a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The bottom half shows a stone wall made of rectangular blocks in shades of tan, beige, and light brown, with dark outlines between the stones.

When the Prophet Zakariyya عليه السلام reached old age and was still childless, he prayed to Allah for a son: "My bones are weak and my head is shining with grey hair. Yet, my Lord! I have never been disappointed in praying to You."



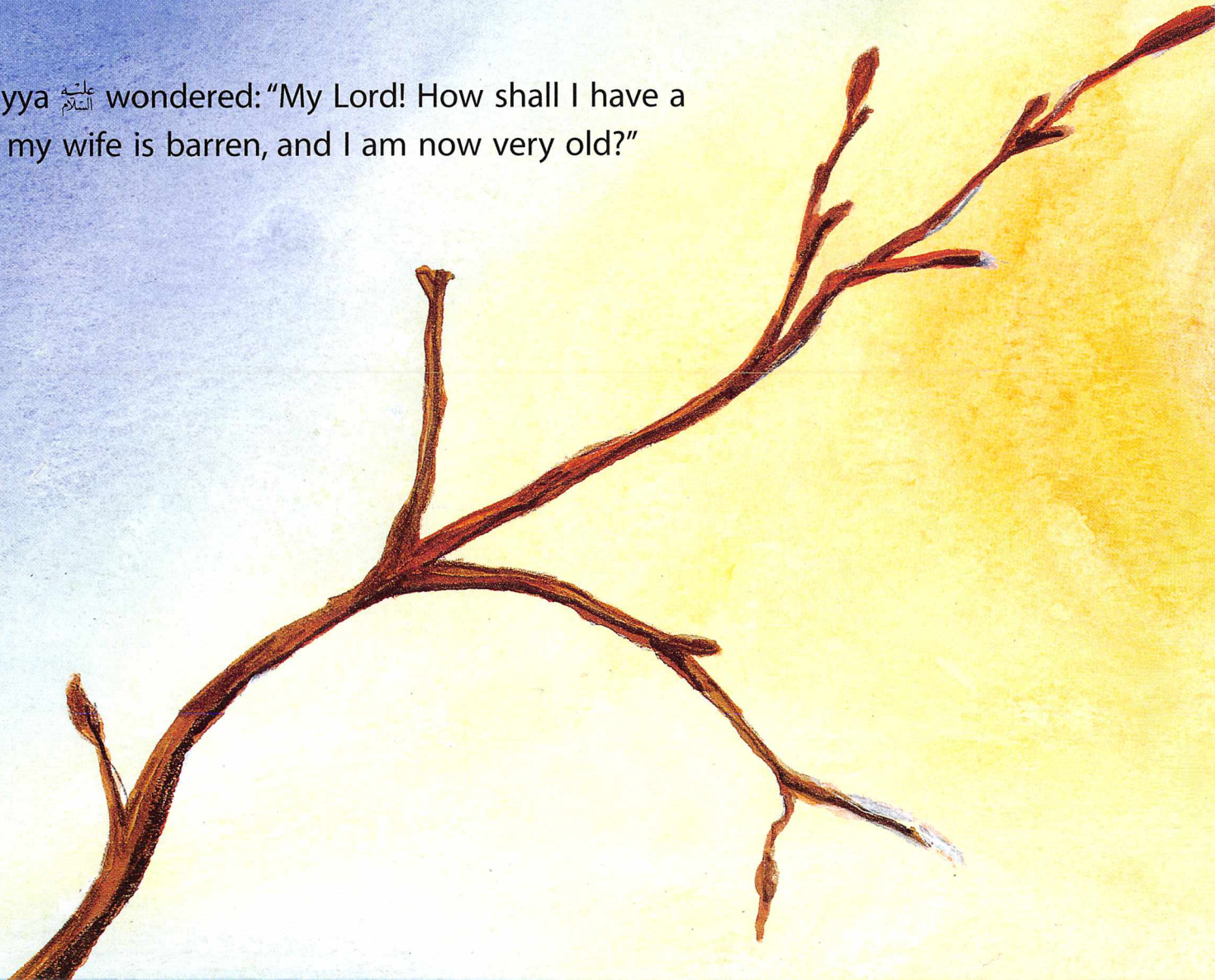


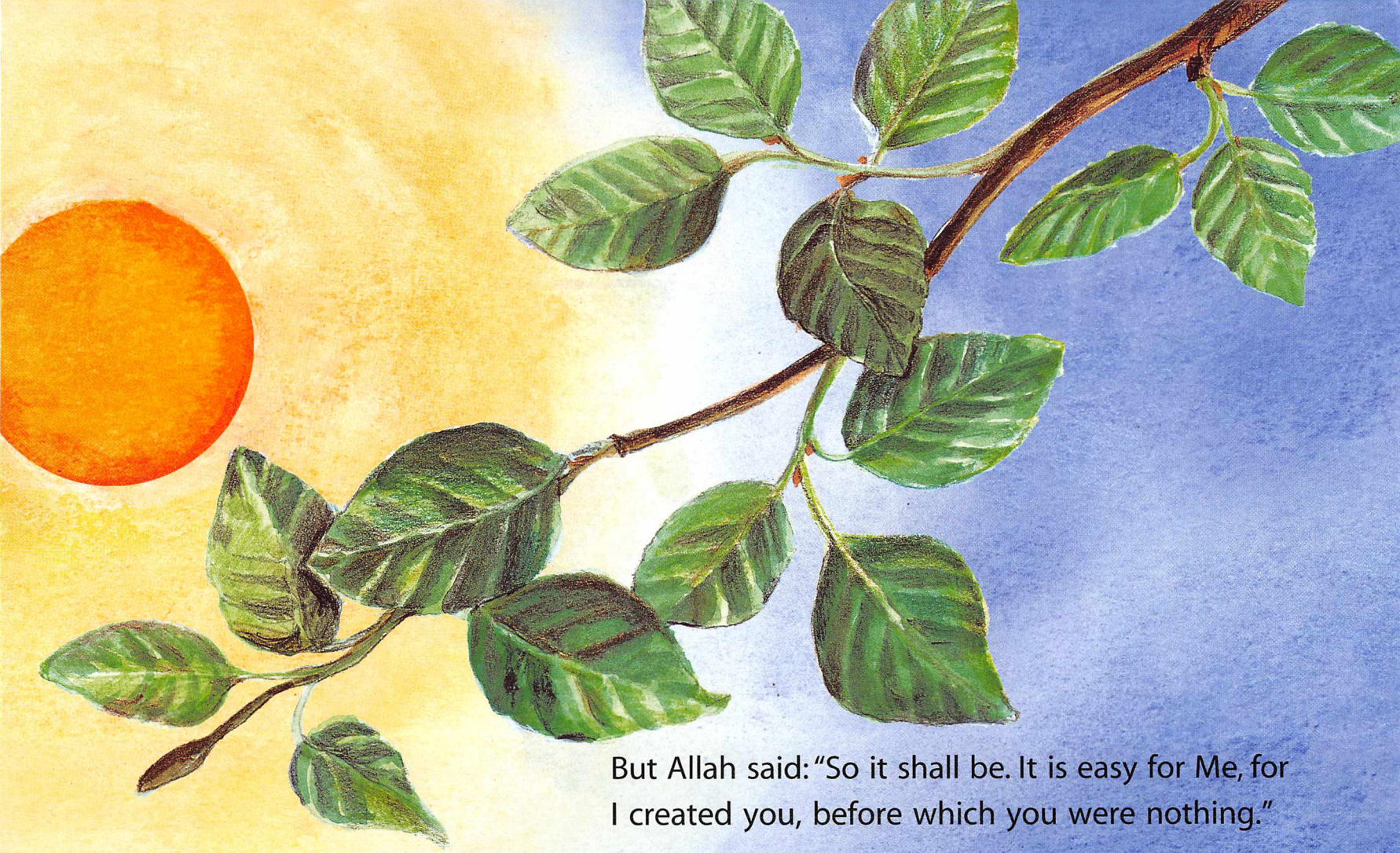
A watercolor illustration of a bright sun in a blue sky over a golden landscape. The sun is a vibrant orange circle with a white outline, surrounded by a soft yellow glow. The sky transitions from a pale yellow near the sun to a deep blue at the edges. The landscape below is a smooth, golden-brown gradient, suggesting a desert or a field of sand. The overall style is soft and artistic, with visible brushstrokes and a gentle color palette.

Allah heard his beautiful prayers  
and said, "Zakariyya! We bring  
you good news of a son whose  
name will be Yahya".



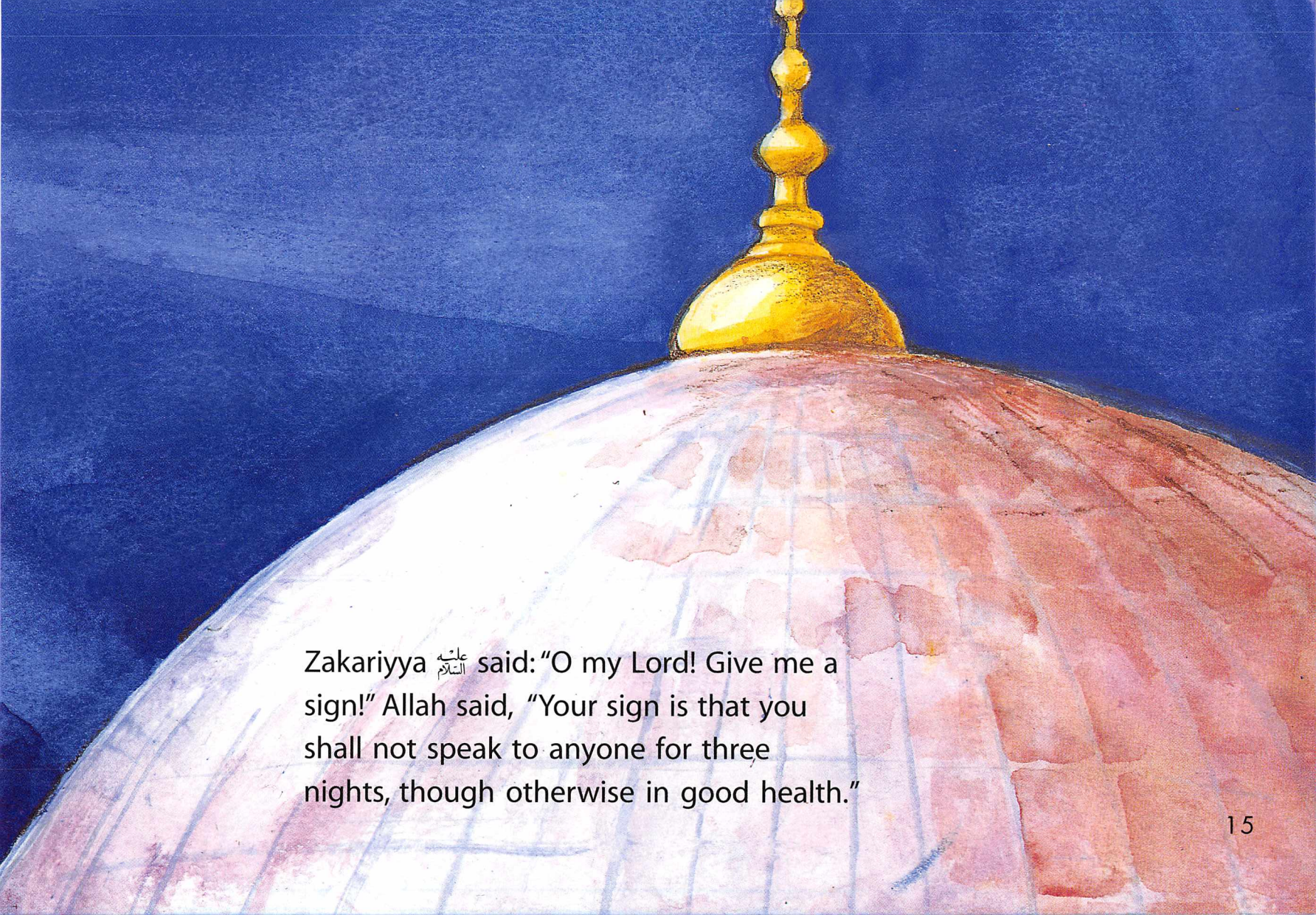
But Zakariyya عليه السلام wondered: "My Lord! How shall I have a son when my wife is barren, and I am now very old?"





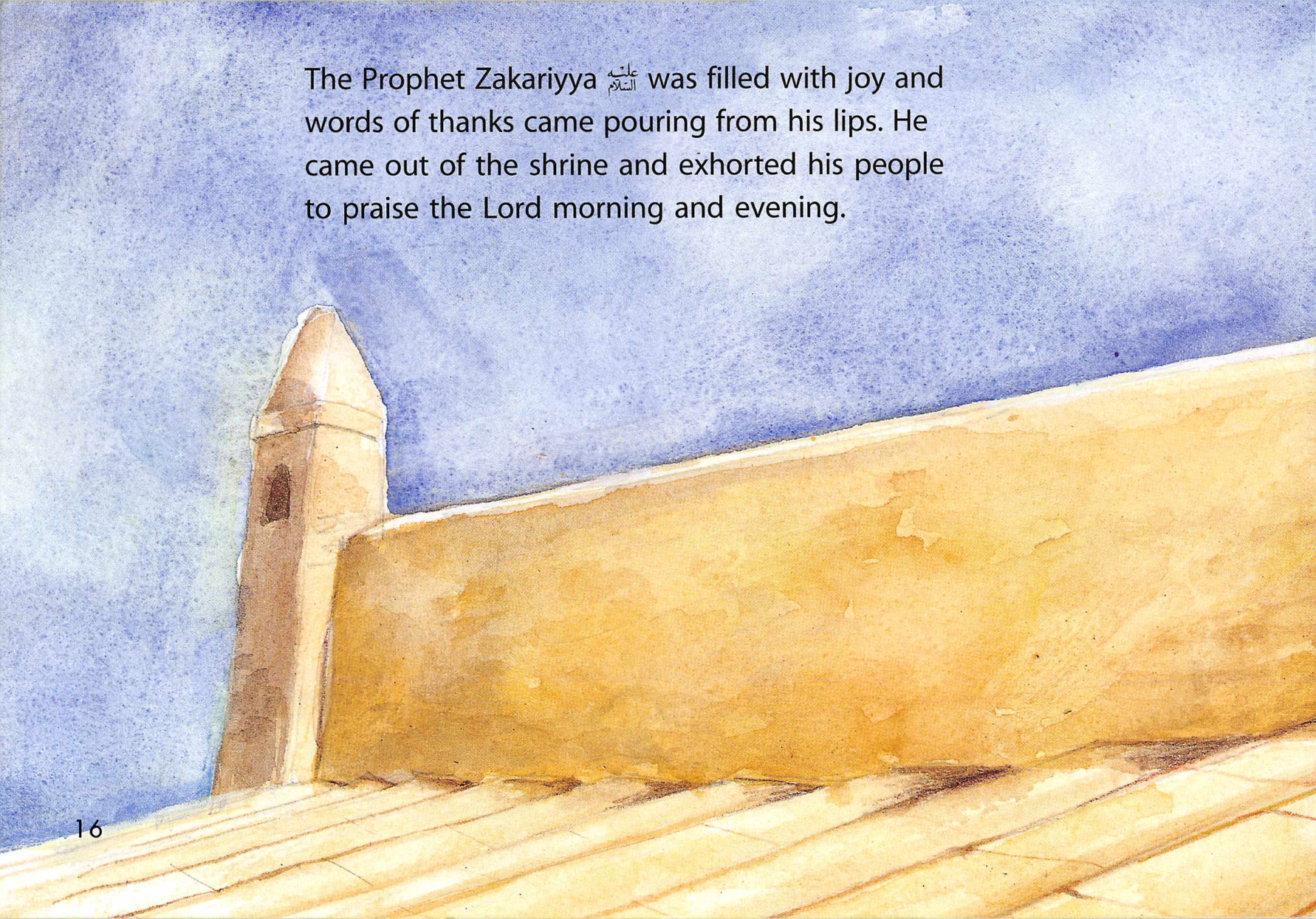
But Allah said: "So it shall be. It is easy for Me, for I created you, before which you were nothing."



A watercolor illustration of a mosque dome. The dome is rendered in shades of pink, red, and white, with a grid pattern of lines. At the top of the dome is a golden finial with several spherical ornaments. The background is a deep, dark blue sky. The overall style is soft and artistic.

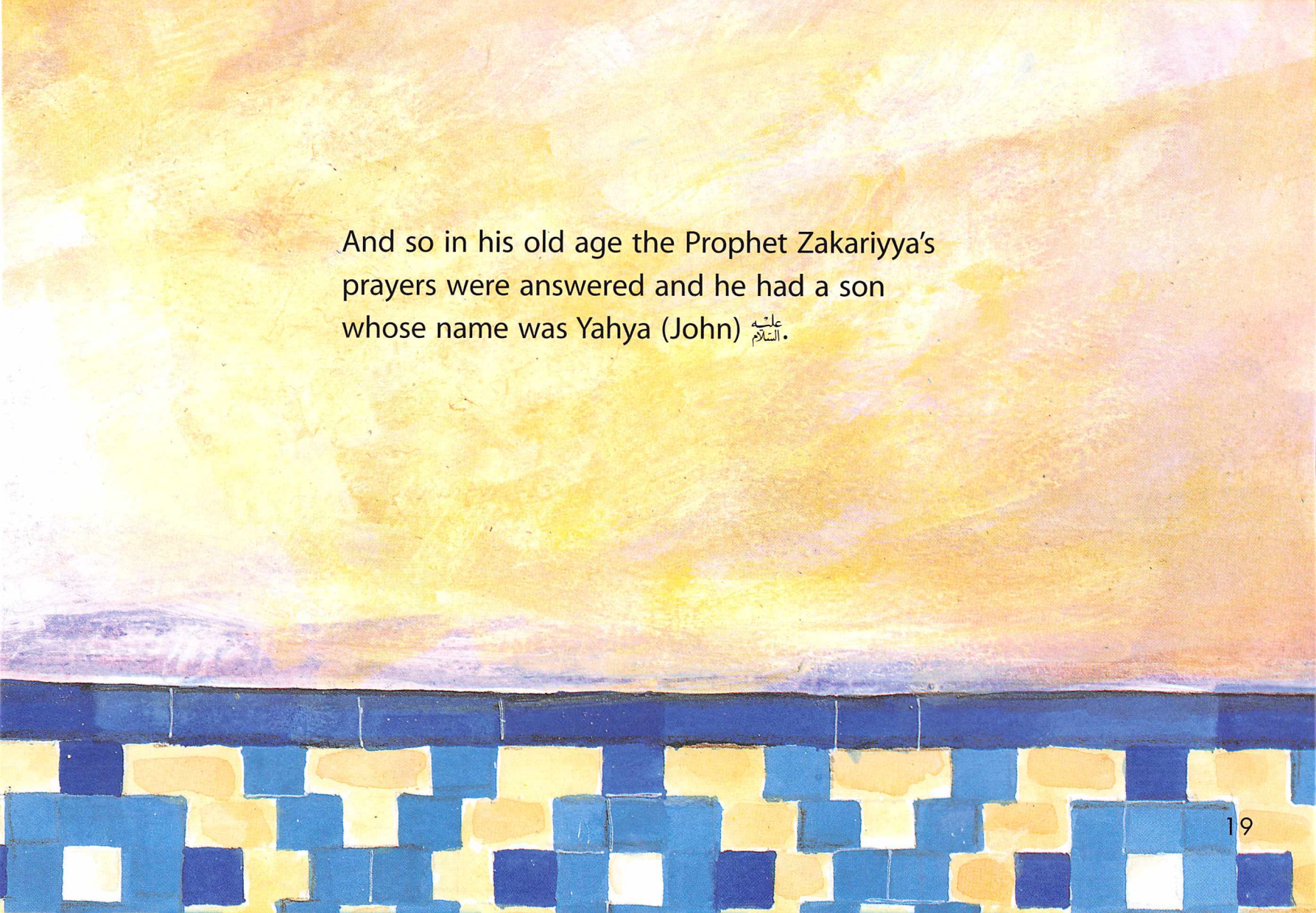
Zakariyya عليه السلام said: "O my Lord! Give me a sign!" Allah said, "Your sign is that you shall not speak to anyone for three nights, though otherwise in good health."

The Prophet Zakariyya عليه السلام was filled with joy and words of thanks came pouring from his lips. He came out of the shrine and exhorted his people to praise the Lord morning and evening.



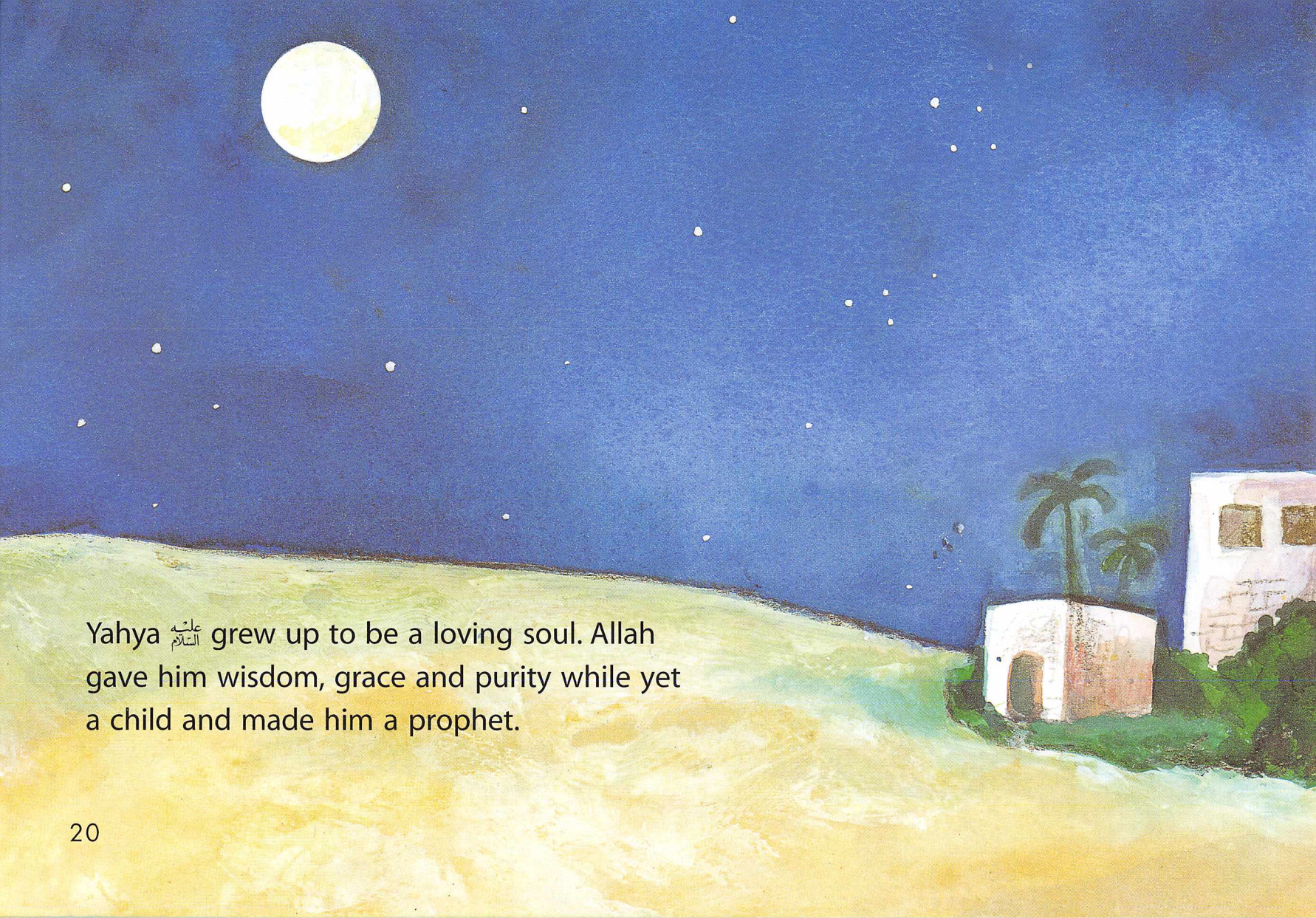






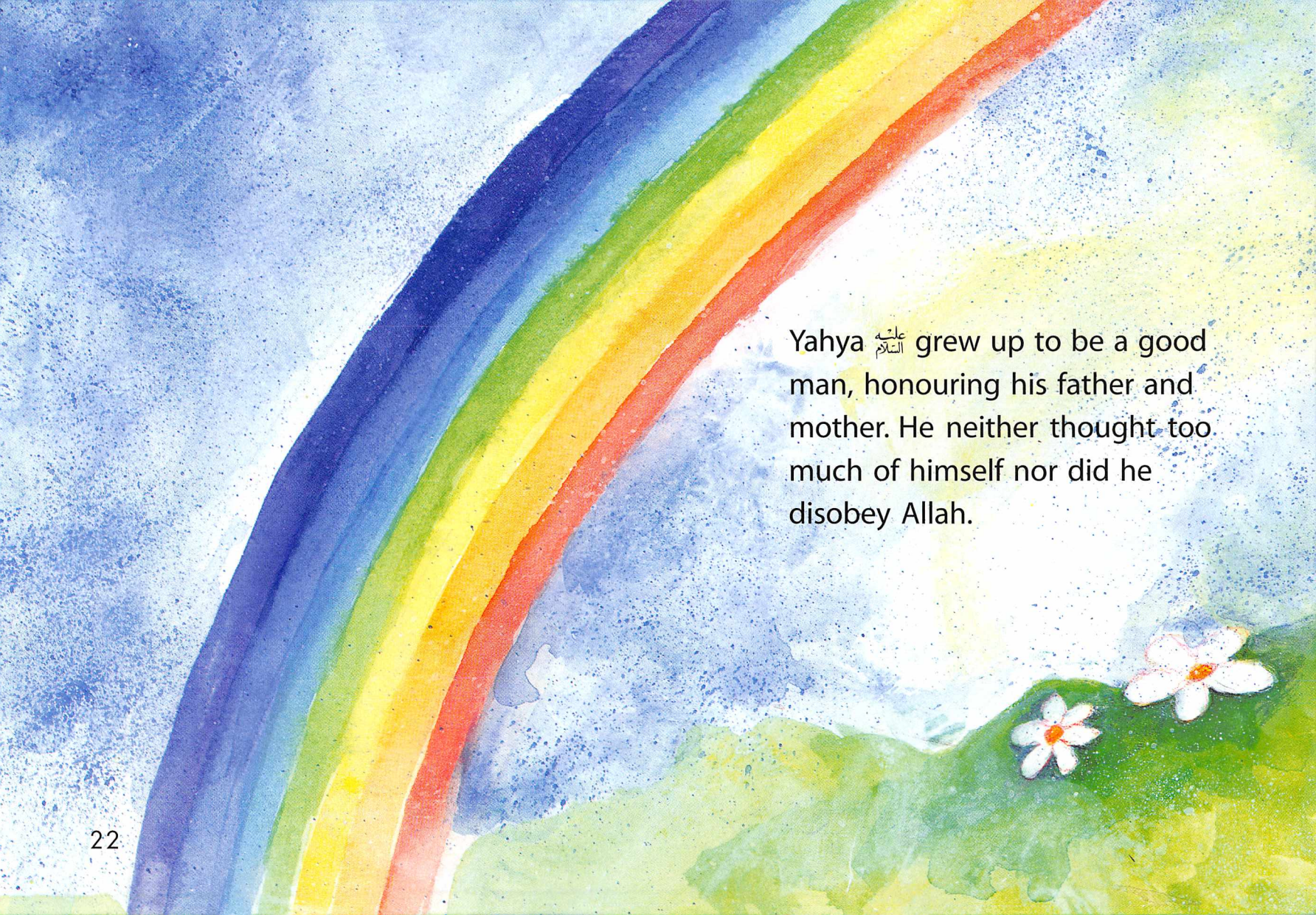
And so in his old age the Prophet Zakariyya's  
prayers were answered and he had a son  
whose name was Yahya (John) عليه  
السلام.





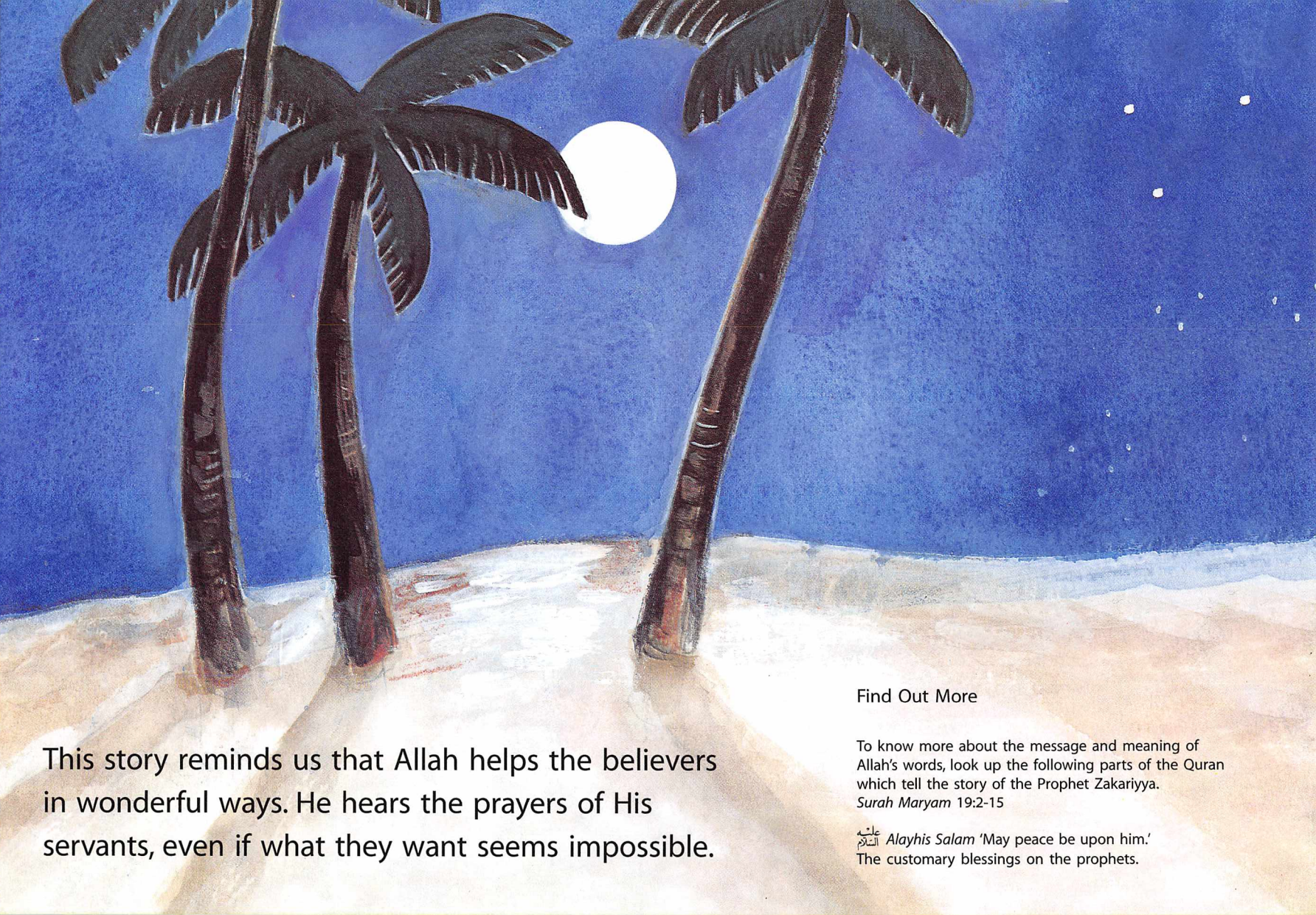
Yahya عليه السلام grew up to be a loving soul. Allah gave him wisdom, grace and purity while yet a child and made him a prophet.





Yahya عليه السلام grew up to be a good man, honouring his father and mother. He neither thought too much of himself nor did he disobey Allah.





This story reminds us that Allah helps the believers in wonderful ways. He hears the prayers of His servants, even if what they want seems impossible.

#### Find Out More

To know more about the message and meaning of Allah's words, look up the following parts of the Quran which tell the story of the Prophet Zakariyya. *Surah Maryam* 19:2-15

ﷺ *Alayhis Salam* 'May peace be upon him.'  
The customary blessings on the prophets.